SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION, DOCTORAL MINOR

The Option A minor in second language acquisition (SLA) offers graduate students both a theoretical and a practical background in the increasingly important area of SLA. After completing the minor, students will be prepared to understand research in SLA and to develop teaching curricula based on principles of second language learning and teaching.

Students must come to the SLA minor with a minimal background in language teaching methodology and in linguistics, obtained through the listed prerequisite courses or their equivalents.

ADMISSIONS

Students wishing to minor in SLA should first contact the relevant SLA committee member (http://sla.wisc.edu/people/faculty) in their department who will refer them to the SLA minor advisor. Students declaring the minor are required to meet with Professor Naomi Geyer (nfgeyer@wisc.edu), SLA minor advisor, before registering for SLA minor courses.

REQUIREMENTS

The SLA minor consists of 9 credits: a required course and two elective courses. Students without a background in linguistics and language pedagogy are encouraged to take introductory linguistics and teaching methodology courses before starting the SLA minor. Students may transfer up to 3 credits from prior graduate work, upon approval.

All students are required to take ENGL 318 Second Language Acquisition or CURRIC 673 Learning Second Language and Literacies. Students also choose two courses from the approved SLA list. With approval of the SLA minor advisor, students may count up to 3 credits (one course) of prior graduate study toward the minor.

Approved SLA course list

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<td>Advanced Topics in African Linguistics ¹</td>
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ENGL 420  Topics in English Language and Linguistics            3
ENGL 703  Research Methods in Composition Studies                3
ENGL/SOC 710 Interaction Analysis: Talk as Social Organization    3
ENGL 711  Research Methods in Applied Linguistics                 3
ENGL 713  Topics in Contemporary English Linguistics ¹            3
ENGL 715  Advanced Second Language Acquisition                    3
ENGL 905  Seminar-Topics in Applied English Linguistics ¹         3

French and Italian
FRENCH/ITALIAN 821 Issues in Methods of Teaching French and Italian ¹, ² 1-3

German
GERMAN 727  Topics in Applied Linguistics ¹                          3

Sociology
SOC 735  Ethnomethodology & Conversation Analysis                   3

Spanish
Note: Spanish courses are generally offered in Spanish; contact instructor
SPANISH 544  Contemporary Issues in Applied Spanish Linguistics ²    3
SPANISH 630  Topics in Hispanic Linguistics ²                        3
SPANISH 815  Seminar in Language: Modern Spanish ²                  3

¹ Topics courses. Students should see the SLA Minor Advisor for approval of topics appropriate for the minor.
² Courses must be taken for a total of 3 credits, in one or multiple enrollments.
³ Instructor and SLA advisor consent required.

PEOPLE

SLA Core Faculty: Professors Chavez (German, Nordic, and Slavic), Evans-Romaine (German, Nordic, and Slavic), Frantzen (Spanish and Portuguese), Hawkins (Curriculum and Instruction), Mori (Asian Languages and Cultures), Thompson (African Cultural Studies), Tochon (Curriculum and Instruction), Young (English); Associate Professors Allen (French & Italian), Geyer (Asian Languages and Cultures; SLA minor advisor), Stafford (Spanish and Portuguese; SLA Director), Pacheco (Curriculum and Instruction) Vieira (English); Assistant Professors Cho (English) and Prasad (Curriculum and Instruction)

Staff: Wendy Johnson (SLA coordinator), Dianna Murphy (SLA core member), Malliga Somasundaram (Financial and Payroll Specialist)